



NEWS RELEASE

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2005
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CALTRANS DEMOLITION WORK TO CLOSE THE BAY BRIDGE LOWER DECK THIS WEEKEND.

MOTORISTS URGED TO AVOID THE BAY BRIDGE AND TAKE BART

Caltrans will complete a major milestone on the West Approach to the Bay Bridge retrofit with a massive and technically precise demolition effort this weekend. This work will close the lower deck of the Bay Bridge, which carries eastbound I-80 traffic on **Saturday, October 15th from 1a.m. to 7a.m.** and then again on **Sunday from 1a.m. to 9a.m.** During this time eastbound traffic will be routed to U.S. 101 north across the Golden Gate Bridge to Interstate 580 and the Richmond San-Rafael Bridge, or U.S. 101 south to the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge.

In addition to the early morning lower deck closures, both the First Street and Essex Street eastbound on-ramps will be closed throughout the entire weekend. Motorists traveling westbound into San Francisco or eastbound from San Francisco should expect delays and are encouraged to **ride BART**. BART service will be available around the clock this weekend at designated stations.

The following is a scheduled list of lane and ramp closures. Actual closure times are **subject to change** depending on construction conditions.

Friday, October 14 – Saturday, October 15

- On Friday, October 14th, the Essex Street and First Street eastbound on-ramps will be closed at 10 p.m. and will remain closed all weekend.
- The Fifth Street, Eighth Street and Sterling Street on-ramps will be closed from midnight to 7a.m. Saturday morning. All Eastbound access to the Bay Bridge will be closed from 1a.m. to 7a.m. Eastbound traffic will be routed to other area bridges during this time.
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For the latest information on the West Approach project contact the public information office at (415) 597-5895 or call 511. You can also visit us on the web at www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/safer or go to www.511.org. Tune to AM 840 Caltrans Highway Advisory Radio for information while on the Bay Bridge.

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DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS THIS WEEKEND**

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